



**TOWN OF LINCOLN**  
**16 Lincoln Road**  
**Lincoln, MA 01773**

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes 01/20/2022**

Attending: Doug Carson, Jonathan Dwyer, Megan Kate Nelson, Margaret Olson, Ginger Reiner (minutes), Bob Wolf, John Mendelson

Also: Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie, Deborah Howe, David Loutzenheiser, Jane Herlacher, Bob Domnitz

**DATE:** January 20, 2022 – 7:30pm, over Zoom

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:34.

Paula updates the committee on Complete Streets. For 2022, we can submit 1 more construction project with in the range \$250,000 - \$260,000

Then, after this year, we submit a new 5-year prioritization plan and are eligible for \$400,000 in new grants.

Complete Streets working group meeting next week. Looking to BPAC to identify a high priority project in that price range.

**Master Plan**

Bob proposes some changes to Master Plan project list:

- Remove project to allow bikeable trail between Blueberry Lane to Davison Lane? Seems difficult - no easement, active opposition. Decided not to remove entirely but move it to another sheet and document reasons for not pursuing this project at this time. Bob moves, JD seconds, unanimously approved.
- Add bike access for trails Birchwood to 117, Bob moved that we add this to the list, JD seconded, unanimously approved.
- Add bike access Old Sudbury Rd trail across boardwalk on Van Leer Land to Weston trails, Bob moved that we add this to the list, Ginger seconded, unanimously approved.
- Adding crosswalk across 126 at Farrar - Bob moved that we add this to the list, JD seconded, unanimously approved

- Adding crosswalk improvements to the crosswalk at Old Town Hall - perhaps raised crosswalk or RRFB. Bob moves that we add this to the project list, JD seconded, unanimously approved.
- Add sharrows on 117 where there are splitter islands at Lincoln Rd. Megan adds that sharrows are also needed on 117 at RR tracks where there are splitter islands. Bob motions that we add these sharrows to the project list, JD seconds, approved unanimously
- Lincoln Rd roadside path just north of Lincoln Woods where the path directly abuts the road with no barrier. Bob moves that we add this to the list, JD seconds, unanimously approved.
- Megan describes car crash on 117 westbound headed towards RR tracks, knocking over wooden bollards. Discussion of the safety of that section of road. Roadside path feels very unprotected, it's at the level of the road. Margaret moves that we add this stretch of road to our list. Doug suggests consulting with public safety for more data. JD seconds, unanimously approved.

David introduces draft Master Plan:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/14WFa9CtVQnfQD\\_3DE5c-U00MWFEJLIKAxuelT4WdQH8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14WFa9CtVQnfQD_3DE5c-U00MWFEJLIKAxuelT4WdQH8/edit?usp=sharing)

David walked the committee through of chapter structure and content. Discussion of town's appetite for speed humps / speed bumps. Paula asks how many roads are in each of the categories, esp. arterial/minor/local category, asks for them to be listed in the master plan. Bob says there are 16 miles of road that are in the arterial/minor category.

Discussion of whether there is a need for more roadside paths in the plan. Margaret would like to see more roadside paths added. Goal should be that "all through streets are safe enough for a 6-year old."

Megan comments on structure - there's a lot of repetition. Wonders if it would be more helpful to organize the chapters by the type of roadway. Once chapter for Rt 2, one for arterials, one for minor.

Paula likes overarching goals. After that, she wants it to be easy to understand. Break it down by type of road. List them in each chapter. And the local/minor roads is a lot of the roads - big category in Lincoln.

Megan offers to help with editing. Megan and David to work together to restructure document. Discussion of next steps. Draft of this document by February. Bring to Select Board in March. Public meeting to follow SB meeting.

## **RT 2A resurfacing project 100% design**

JD updates committee on 100% design. Updates to Brooks Rd intersection - no crosswalk in plan. Paula points out that 100% design includes 10.5 ft lanes not 11 ft lanes.

Bob Dominitz explains he represents Lincoln on Battle Rd Scenic Byway Committee, along with Paula and Jennifer Curtin. BRSBC working group met last week to review the plans and develop a suggested response to the MassDOT plan. "3 of the 5 stakeholders are preservation oriented". "Lean less towards safety and more towards preserving the character of the roadway."

- Speed limits: BRSBC asking for 35 mph speed limit at most, 30mph would be better
- Crosswalks: 3 of the 5 entities on the byway committee are not enthusiastic about a lot of crosswalks. 4 crosswalks proposed. BRSBC likely to propose eliminating the Bedford Rd crosswalk from the plan. BRSBC also not in favor of Brooks Rd crosswalk.
- BRSBC working group also discussed Old Mass Ave intersection, not in favor of left turn lane.
- BRSBC recommending 2A splitter island at Bedford Rd

Jane speaks about Bedford Rd / 2A intersection - both the roadside path and the desire for a stop sign there. And the fact that there has still been no public meeting about 2A.

Bob D says that MassDOT says they're going to have a public meeting in a couple months.

BRSBC did not submit comments in response to the 75% design.

Discussion if splitter/median islands need to be raised for safety. BRSBC concerned that is a modern treatment. BPAC members state raised median splitter islands critical for traffic calming.

Paula / JD / BPAC going to follow up with letter to MassDOT to make sure that travel lane is 10.5' throughout the corridor and state our support for Brooks Rd crosswalk.

## **Farrar advisory shoulder update**

We don't know whether town has resubmitted to FHWA but we were assured it was on schedule for April 1 implementation. Outreach plans will be on the agenda for February BPAC meeting.

**Approve Minutes**

Approve minutes: 20 Dec 21 - JD moved, Bob seconded, unanimously approved

**Next Meeting:** February 15th, 2022

JD moves we adjourn, Ginger seconded, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourns 9:58pm.